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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The India-Pakistan Situation
(Report #89 - As of 11:00 A.M. EDT)

1. The Pakistani radio, quoting a Defense Ministry spokesman, has reported a heavy attack by Indian troops, with artillery and mortar support, on Pakistani posts north of Chhamb in the Akhnur sector. This report follows Pakistani circulation in the United Nations on Wednesday of a charge that India had issued an ultimatum demanding Pakistani withdrawal from the Chhamb area within 24 hours, failing which the Indians would attack.

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as of noon on 1 October the Indian army was still pressing an attack in the Chhamb sector which it began in brigade strength on 30 September.

2. Asoka Mehta, Deputy Chairman of the Indian Planning Commission, reportedly told the Indian press on 1 October that if US wheat aid under PL-480 is not available to India in sufficient quantities, India may be forced to reduce rations. Although an Indian government spokesman said on 27 September that India did not believe Washington was using grain supplies as a political lever, it nevertheless appears that New Delhi is preparing the Indian public for the application of various kinds of US pressure to force India toward a settlement of the Kashmir question.

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